(*a*) whether the Education Department has closed the Government V. P. School, Thrikodithanam, Changanachery.

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, why it has been closed;

(*c*) whether there is sufficient room in the Government V. P. School for Boys to accommodate the pupils who were attending the two schools;

(*d*) the internal area of the building and the present strength of the school;

(*e*) whether tenders were called for improving the girls' school building and the notification was subsequently cancelled; and

(*f*) if the answers to part (*e*) are in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No; but the girls' school at the place was amalgamated with the boys' school.

(*b*) The building of the girls' school was unsafe, while there was surplus accommodation in the boys' school building which was close to it. It was therefore thought that the two schools might well be amalgamated.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Part (i) Area 3,654 sq. ft.

Part (ii) Strength—740.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) It was considered better to provide additional accommodation by putting up a temporary building in the compound of the boy's school than by repairing the low and narrow building of the girls' school.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*): With reference to answer to part (*f*), may I know whether any steps have been taken?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, plans and estimates have been called for.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*): May I know whether it will be completed next year?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I hope so.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know the strength of the school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

The Kuttapuzha Canal.

175 *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what portion of the allotment made for the opening of the Kuttapuzha Canal has been spent: and

(*b*) why the work has been stopped?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) :

(*a*) Rs. 9,185 to the end of 15-11-1111 and Rs. 30,000 more expected to be spent towards the adjustment of the value of land taken over for the work during the year.

(*b*) The work has not been stopped.

The Alleppey-Changanacherry Canal.

176. ***MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any work in connection with the Alleppey-Changanacherry canal has actually been done ;

(*b*) if so, the nature and extent of the work already done ;

(*c*) the amount spent for the work already done ;

(*d*) the length of the Alleppey-Changanacherry canal ;

(*e*) whether any estimate and plan has been prepared for the same ;

(*f*) if so, the amount estimated ; and

(*g*) the amount actually spent for the work already done ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Excavation work to a length of 4,076 feet.

(*c*) Rs. 4,715.

(*d*) About 12 miles.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Rs 28,000.

(*g*) *Vide* answer to (*c*).

Arabic instruction in Colleges.

177. ***MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state how many Muslim students there are in the Government and aided colleges of the State, who have made arrangements for private study in Arabic for want of facilities in the Colleges ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) :

Government Colleges	...	...	4
Private Colleges	...	...	3

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : With regard to the numbers 4 and 3, may I know in which Colleges they are studying ?

MR. C. V. CHADRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : 4 in the Science College and 3 in the Scott Christian College, Nagercoil.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know whether students have gone to other Colleges for want of facilities to study Arabic ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I am not aware of that, Sir.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know whether Government has received representations regarding the appointment of an Arabic Professor in the College ?

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